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**Happy New Year and good DX!**



## **News**

### **J38R Grenada –update**

Preparations are ongoing and well underway for a March 3-22, 2024 DXpedition to Grenada. The group has expanded and as such we have secured a second house / QTH at the ocean in Sauteurs to accommodate for more operators. We will be active with three high power stations and one for FT8-RTTY from 10-160m. For the lowbands we have RX antennas.

We'll miss the expertise and company of our good friend Ghis ON5NT, who had to reschedule due to a newly emerged priority. Other experienced operators DXpeditioners stepped in and the group now comprises of ON4HIL, ON4MA, ON5RA, ON5TN, ON6CC and ON7RU.

### **QSL status ZD9W, VK9CY / VK9XY**

Yuris YL2GM informs DX-World that he plans to finish sending out all OQRS requests in January. LoTW for VK9XY and VK9CY will be uploaded on February 5th. He asks that you do not send log corrections requests as they will not be provided.

### **VU4N Andaman and Nicobar –now QRT**

*'The permission for the special call expires at 23:59 IST (18:29Z) Dec 27. I plan to depart by noon on Dec 28th. All gear needs to be packed and ready by 9:00am on Dec 28th.'*



### **ZD7NAN St Helene Island**

At 93 years old, a retired school teacher, I hold the distinction of being the oldest ham radio operator ever on the picturesque island of St. Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean. Being born on St. Helena in 1930 adds an extra layer to my identity, making me a true Saint!

My journey into amateur radio culminated in obtaining my licence in December 2023. This achievement follows a prolonged fascination with amateur radio, during which I spent countless hours absorbing the transmissions of a close family member operating his radio.

Though I have recently attained full licence as a ham radio operator, my enthusiasm is undiminished. I plan to enhance my involvement by first helping ZD7GWM set up our newly acquired DX-Patrol full duplex ground station!

Anticipating the year 2024 and beyond, I look forward to filling my log with contacts from across the globe!

For those perusing my QRZ page, I highly recommend joining our [ZD7 St. Helena Facebook group](#) to connect with fellow radio enthusiasts and other ZD7 here on our wonderful but tiny little island.



# **DXCC**

## **This week on air**

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISL** Ivan, IK3ZAQ and Luca IV3JVJ are QRV as 3B9AT until January 6, 2024. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IV3JVJ, LoTW.

**3W, VIETNAM** Look for 3W9IL (JF3PLF), 3W9LSV (JR3LSV), 3W9TXR (JH3TXR), 3W9YAQ (JA3YAQ), XV9HS (JA6FWJ) and XV9KL (JN3JBC) in 'holiday-style' from Hanoi until December 30. QRV from 80 to 6 meter using SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8. Check qrz.com for the QSL routes.

**4S, SRI LANKA** Peter, DC0KK is again operating as 4S7KKG until March 30, 2024. Activity mostly using FT4/8 with some CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

**5R, MADAGASCAR** Moise, F4EZG is operating as 5R8VE until early January 2024. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**9N, NEPAL** Robert, 9N7AA has rented a bungalow over the winter period. It is located "at the edge of Kathmandu valley but much higher, with a clear shot from 270-90 degrees, and far enough not to suffer from the crazy man made noise I have in Kathmandu". He will be there during "selected weekends" until the end of February. <https://www.qrz.com/db/9N7AA>

**C9, MOZAMBIQUE** Eddy, OE3SEU is operating as C9SEU/P during December. Activity on QO-100 satellite. QSL via LoTW.

**FK, NEW CALEDONIA** Jean-Louis, F2NHJ is once again active as FK/call until early 2024. Operation from the main islands with some side trips. QSL via LoTW or Club Log.

**FY, FRENCH GUIANA** Pierre, F4GPK will be active from Kourou between December 29 and January 16, 2024. Operation in 'holiday-style' as TO2FY on HF using SSB only. QSL via EQSL.

**HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until March 21, 2024. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau.

**HS, THAILAND** Brad, VK2BY is once again active as HS0ZNR until January 14, 2024. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call direct, LoTW.

**J8, ST VINCENT** Gert, PA2LO is once again QRV as J8TT until January 5. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Harry, JG7PSJ is operating as JD1BMH from Chichijima until January 1. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via JD1BMH bureau or direct via JG7PSJ. <http://jq7psj.starfree.jp/jd1bmh/>

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Edmondo, VA3ITA is active in 'holiday-style' as PJ7/call until December 31. Active with 100w using a vertical/dipole. QSL via LoTW only.

**T32, CHRISTMAS ISL** The Rebel DX Group is active as T32TT from Kiritimati/Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati until January 12, 2024. Plans are to operate 90% digital Modes, plus CW and SSB, on 160-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

**TR, GABON** Look for Roland, F8EN (96 years old) to again be active from Libreville, Gabon as TR8CR starting at the end of December and running through to the end of February 2024. QRV on 30-10, CW. QSL via F6AJA.

**V5, NAMIBIA** Eric, F5LCX will be active as V5/call between December 28 and January 11. Operation in 'holiday-style' mobile and fixed for a few hours a day. QSL via LoTW.

**V5, NAMIBIA** Gunter DK2WH is active as V51WH until April 2024. QTH near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 10 meter, 60 also included.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Chris HB9FIY is once again active as ZD7CA for a few weeks in December 2023 / January 2024. He asks what are the most wanted bands /modes from ZD7. QSL via EA5GL.

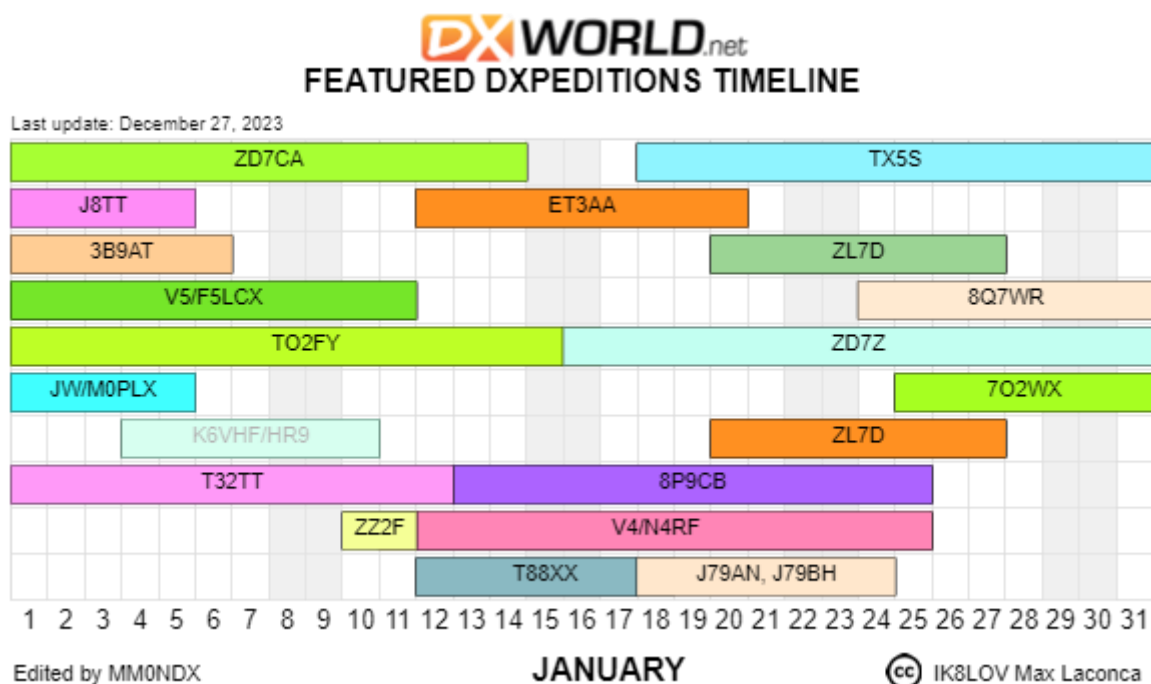
**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Stan, K5GO is once again operating as ZF9CW for 3.5 months. Operation mainly on CW an entries in various contests.

## **Coming up soon**

**VP9, BERMUDA** Paul, VP9KF will be operating from Hamilton Parish between January 8 and January 22, 2024. Operation on all bands using CW only. An entry in the NAQP CW contest is included. <https://vp9kf.com/>

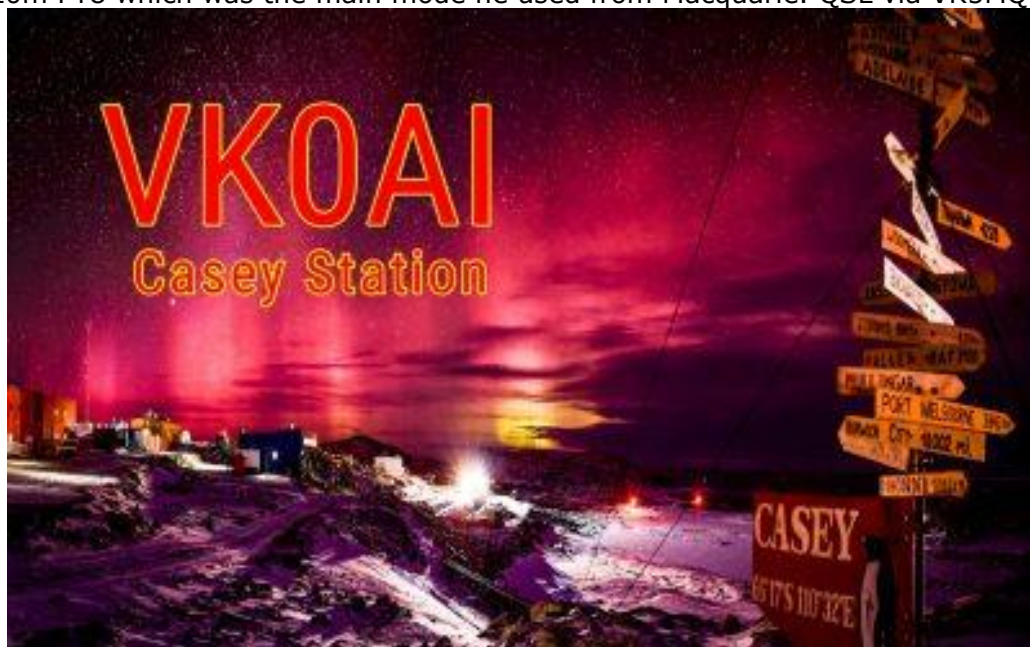


## DXCC timeline



## ANTARCTIC BASES

**Casey Station** Previously active in 2018-2019 from Macquarie Island as VK0AI, operator Norbert VK5MQ is now QRV from Casey Station when time permits. He has been there since mid-November, and writes that the Antarctic summer season at Casey station is expected to be very busy so it's not known how much time will be available for ham operations. Today, he was briefly active on 20m FT8 which was the main mode he used from Macquarie. QSL via VK5MQ.



**Davis Base** From December 2023 to November 2024, David VK2JDS will occasionally be active from Davis Station, Antarctica using the callsign VK0DS. He hopes to be QRV on HF bands and will also try 2m EME using a single 12el yagi and 100 watts from an IC9700 using JT65A or Q65A-60 (or similar). He mentions that nothing is certain, and weather conditions and station duties will have precedent. David hopes to have LoTW up and running from Davis Station – updates to follow.

**Vernadsky Research Base** Serhiy, UW5EHR is now active as **EM1U** from Vernadsky Research Base, Antarctica. Briefly he was QRV as **VP8/UW5EHR**, but now uses the correct callsign.

# **IOTA**

## **This week on air**

### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Alex, K6VHF will once again be operating as call/HR9 between January 3-10, 2024. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW.

**NA-111 Long Beach Isl** Matt, AF2F will often be QRV as AF2F/2 during December. No specific dates or hours but during his spare time. Prefer 10-12 meter using CW but other bands on FT8 might be possible. QSL via home call, OQRS and LoTW.

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-042 Luzon Isl** Mike, W6QT is active as DU3/call until end January 2024. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and digi.

## **Coming up soon**

### **ASIA**

**AS-079 Miyako Isl** Take JS6RRR will be operating as JI3DST/6, JJ5BRH/6 or JR8YLY/6 between January 5 and April 1, 2024. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. The various calls are mentioned on different modes. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. QSL via QRZ.com.

### **SOUTH AMERICA**

**SA-080 Tinharé Isl** Look for team ZZ2F between January 10-11, 2024. QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via PP2LA.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

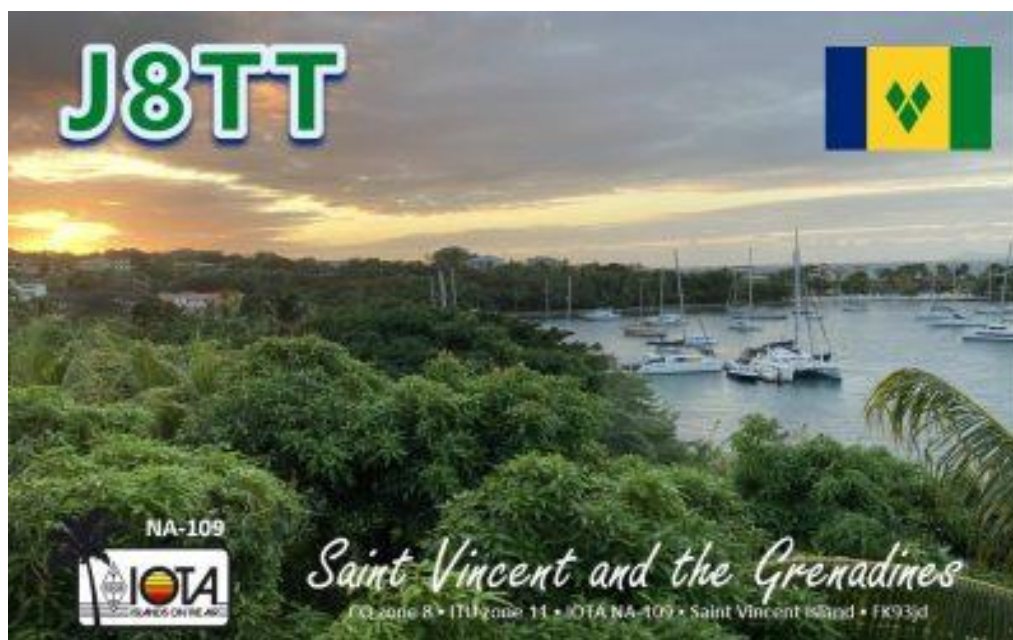
### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**60, SOMALIA** Team 603T will be operating sometime early 2024. Activity with a focus on the low bands and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

**FK, NEW CALEDONIA** Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ will be operating as FK/calls during March 10-19, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <https://www.c21gc.com/>

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ will be active as FW8GC and TX8GC between February 19 and March 9, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <https://www.c21gc.com/>



## THE REMINDERS

### 3D2AD, 5W8A and ZK3M tour

Hrane YT1AD and team will be active from Fiji (**3D2AD**), Samoa (**5W8A**) and Tokelau (**ZK3M** or **ZK3A**) during February 7 to March 1, 2024. The main target is Tokelau with activity period of February 15-25, 2024.

The team is currently YT1AD, YT3M, K1LZ, K3JO (YT3WW), YU3AA, R7KW, VK3FY, LU9ESD, RC9O with his wife UA9OYL. 3-4 ops may be able to join the team, contact YT1AD for info.

More info coming soon.

**3B8, MAURITIUS** David, OK6DJ will be operating as 3B8/call between February 20 and February 27, 2024. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and FT8 using a vertical and dipole antenna. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

**5H, TANZANIA** Nobby, G0VJG will be operating as 5H3VJG from Zanzibar between March 8-20, 2024. Operation on HF using mainly SSB and FT8. An entry in the BERU contest is included. QSL via M0OXO.

**5N, NIGERIA** The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

**5X, UGANDA** Thomas, DL7BO will be active as 5X7O from Kampala. Dates not yet known. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DJ6TF. More to follow.

**7O, YEMEN** Vlad OK2WX will be active from Socotra island AF-028 as 7O2WX during January 25 to February 12, 2024. Focus on low bands (160, 80 and 40m). A log will be available online. Participation in the CQ 160m DX Contest CW. QSL via IZ8CCW.

**7P, LESOTHO** The EIDXG team will after the success of 9N7EI, 7Q7EI, 5V7EI and V26EI now be operating as 7P8EI during March 19-30, 2024. A team of 15 will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via M0OXO. More to follow.

**8R, GUYANA** "Four young ambitious DXers ranging in age from 20 to 25 years old" (namely Sven DJ4MX, Philipp DK6SP, Tomi HA8RT and Jamie M0SDV) will be active from Guyana during February 14-24, 2024 (callsign TBA). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. The Northern California DX Foundation will provide \$5,000 in financial support for the expedition, as they "want to encourage the next generation of DXpeditioners". NCDXF wants also "to let any planned DXpedition know that, if they request funding from NCDXF and we provide a grant, we will also underwrite the costs of a younger (ages 20-35) person/s on the trip". <https://8r-2024.com/>

**9U, BURUNDI** Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

**CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ** A team with Nick XQ1KZ, Pablo CE1KV, Willy XQ3SA, Willy XQ3SK, Mike AB5EB, Ez HI3R, Otis NP4G, Mike AD5A, Zoli HA1AG, Trey N5KO and Marco CE1EW (Team Leader) will be operating as CB0ZA during February 13-20, 2024. Plans are to be QRV from the Juan Fernandez National Park CA-0022 from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB, digi and EME (6 and 2 meter). QSL via HA1AG. <http://cb0za.com/>



**CY9, ST PAUL ISL** The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9, in July/August 2024. Access to St Paul Island is only available in the two months of July and August. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

**ET, ETHIOPIA** Bob, W9XY informs DX-WORLD that he and Ken, K4ZW will be returning to Ethiopia and QRV as ET3AA on various bands and modes during January 12-20, 2024. Updates to follow during their next stay. ET3AA QSL via N200.

**FH, MAYOTTE** Marek, FH4VVK will be operating as TO4VV during March 29-31, April 5-7, April 12-14 and April 20-21, 2024. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log.

**FOO, AUSTRAL ISL** Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX5G between March 25 and April 3, 2024. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.

<https://australvacation.amebaownd.com/>

**FOO, CLIPPERTON ISL** The Perseverance DX Group is planning a major DXpedition to Clipperton Island during January 18 and February 2, 2024. Plan is to be QRV as TX5S between 160 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. It has been 11 years since the last activation. Team members include: Jacky ZL3CW, Dave K3EL, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Glenn KE4KY, Chris N6WM, Arliss W7XU, Philippe FO4BM, Dave WD5COV and Andreas N6NU. Joining the team will be a scientist from the University of French Polynesia who will conduct studies while on the island. <https://clip.pdxg.net/>

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16, 2024. An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.

**FT/G GLORIOSO ISL** Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Gloriosos Islands as FT4GL in the near future. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. A website is under construction.

**On the scene...testing the Hexbeam for ZL7D (Picture by ZL1LDP)**



**FT/X, KERGUELEN** It's apparently no secret that Thierry F6CUK of FT8WW fame plans (emphasis on plans) to go with a second operator to the Kerguelen Islands in late 2024. Wait and see for more..

**H40, TEMOTU** The Intrepid DX Group has released their next DXpedition to Temotu Province as H40WA between February 22 and March 7, 2024. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt

N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. <https://intrepid-dx.com/h40wa/>  
**H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS** Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be QRV as H44MS from Manakwai Village during early February until end April 2024. Operation on SSB and FT8, an entry in the CQ160 SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**J3, GRENADA** A team of Belgian low band DXers with Franky ON7RU, Marc ON4MA, Marc ON6CC, Pascal ONRA, Patrick ON4HIL and Karel ON5TN will be QRV during March 4-16, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. More to follow.

**J7, DOMINICA** Laurent, FM5BH will once again be QRV as J79BH between January 17 and January 24. Activity from 160 to 40 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log. At the same time, David F8AAN will be joining Laurent as J79AN. QSL via Club Log.

**J8, ST VINCENT** Kevin, W1DED will once again be active as J8NKI between March 25 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

Below is a picture from a previous operation.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Look once again for JD1BQP between April 22 and May 3, 2024. Operation from 15 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call direct.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take JG8NQJ/JD1 will again be active from Minami Torishima starting mid-January 2024 and lasting for 3 months. QRV mainly on CW and some FT8 (spare time). QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

**P4, ARUBA** Mat, DL4MM will be QRV as P4/call and as P40AA during the CQ160 CW contest between January 19 and January 31, 2024. Operation besides the contest from 160 to 10 meter using CW, FT4/8, SSB. QSL via Club Log or home call.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Andy, DK5ON will again be operating as PJ2/call from March 11 until March 27, 2024. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DK5ON direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA between March 2 and March 10, 2024. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**S2, BANGLADESH** On December 29 look for a Day-Night Tent HF DXing camp in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Time: 13.00 pm to 7.00 Am(30/12/23). Operation on 80, 40, 20, 2 meter and 70cm using SSB and digi. Equipment: 3 HF radio, 2 VHF/UHF radio, Portable Generator, portable 70 amp Power Box, 100 amp Battery.

**T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI** A German team will be active between March 13 and March 26, 2024. Operation 24/7 with 3 stations. More to follow.

**T8, PALAU** A JA team with JH6WDG (as T88AQ), JA6KYU (as T88HS), JR6DRH (as T88RH) and JA6EGL (as T88SM) will be active from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau during January 12-18, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via operators instructions.

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**TY, BENIN** Gerard F5NVF, Abdel 7X2TT and Luc F5RAV will be active as TY5C from Cotonou during March 2024. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. They are looking for support for the local radio club TY0HQ.

**V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS** Jeff, K1ZN (author of Nifty E-Z Guide to Adventures in DXing) will be active as V4/call during February 25 and March 4. Operation on various bands. QSL via home



call.

**V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS** Bob, N4RF will once again be active as V4/call between January 11 and January 25, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using mainly CW with some SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct, OQRS or LoTW.

**VP2M, MONTSEERAT** Thaire, W2APF will once again be active as VP2MDX between January 11 and April 11, 2024. Operation on HF using BuddiPole portable Hexbeam, Doublet for 30M, End-fed for 40M. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

**VP9, BERMUDA** Darrell, AB2E will once again be QRV as call/VP9 between February 14-19, 2024. Operation primarily in the ARRL DX CW contest. Before and after that from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

**YJ, VANUATU** Takio JH3QFL and Mamoru JH3VAA will be operating as YJ0AA and YJ0MN between February 4-11, 2024. Operation on HF using mainly FT8 and Green Cube satellite. QSL via JH3QFL for paper cards or LoTW.

**YN, NICARAGUA** Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW next March or April. Martin's main mode of operation is CW. QSL via home call.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Elvira, IV3FSG will be active as ZD7Z during January 16 to February 4, 2024. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using SSB, CW, DIGI using IC-7300, Hexbeam, vertical and Inverted-L. QSL via IK2DUW, Club Log OQRS - Livestream.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Oliver, W6NV will once again be active as ZD7W during mid-February. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest (Feb 17-18). QSL via home call.

**ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA** Lance, W7GJ will be active as ZD9GJ on a 6m EME DXpedition. QRV between August 23 and September 30, 2024.

**ZL7, CHATHAM ISL** A team consisting ZL1CAP, ZL1LDP, ZL1OV and ZL3SSB will be active from the Chatham Islands as ZL7D during January 20-27, 2024. QRV on HF bands using Hexbeams and amps. QSL via EA3FLW.



# **IOTA**

## **THE NEWCOMERS**

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-171 Magnetic Isl** Andy, VK5MAV will be operating as call/4 between February 6-11, 2024. QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW with some SSB. Log upload to Club Log.

## **THE REMINDERS**

### **ASIA**

**AS-107 Samet Isl** E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

**AS-153 Sagar Isl** A team from the West Bengal Radio Club will be operating as AT42GSM between January 9-16, 2024. Operation on HF. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/AT24GSM>

### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-079 Dry Tortugas Isl** Look for N4T and W3NY during February 23-26, 2024. Operation from 80 to 2 meter using SSB and perhaps Satellite. In addition to POTA, the park is also a contact for Islands on the Air (IOTA) & (USI) and Lighthouses on the Air (ARLHS). Our plans are to activate both Garden Key as well as the Lighthouse on Loggerhead Key.



## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**F, FRANCE** Jeff, F4IIQ will be active as **TM130SMK** on 5-9 January to commemorate the 130th anniversary since the birth of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe. QSL via F4IIQ. Born on 8 January 1894, Father Kolbe (SP3RN) was killed on 14 August 1941 at Auschwitz.

**HH, HAITI** Members of the Radio Club d'Haiti (HH2RCH) will be active as **HH220Y** on 1-31 January to celebrate the 200th anniversary since the declaration of the former colony's independence (1 January 1804). QSL via N200.

**I, ITALY** Members of ARI Padova will be active as **II3PUP** on 7-14 January. The special callsign's suffix is an acronym for Patavium Urbs Picth (Padua the Painted City), which refers to the 14<sup>th</sup> century fresco cycles that have been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list since 2021. QSL via IQ3WW; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com.

**OE, AUSTRIA** Members of the OE3XDC Radio Club will be active as **OE205XMAS** from 23 December to 6 January. Look for activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and possibly 160 metres SSB and FT8, as well as via QO-100. The special callsign marks the 205th anniversary of "Stille Nacht" ("Silent Night", one of the most popular Christmas carols, composed in 1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber to lyrics by Joseph Mohr. QSL via the bureau, eQSL, or direct.



## THE REMINDERS

**9A, CROATIA 9A66AA** is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** The DARC club V22 runs the special event station **DM775NB** (special DOK NB775) to mark the 775th anniversary of the city Neubrandenburg in 2023. QSL via bureau or direct to DM6RAC. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** DARC Team SES will be active as **DL110RG** from 1 September to 31 December for the 100th anniversary of the German Life Saving Association (Deutsche Lebens-Rettungs-Gesellschaft, the largest voluntary water rescue organization in the world), and as DL75BRD from 1 September to 30 June 2024 for the 75th anniversary since the Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany (Grundgesetz fuer die Bundesrepublik Deutschland) came into effect (23 May 1949). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX)



**DL, GERMANY** The following special event stations call attention to the formation of the German Radio Cartel, a first consortium of German broadcasting stations, 100 years ago: **DB100FK, DC100FK, DD100FK, DF100FK, DL100FK, DM100FK, DQ100FK, DR100FK, DM100MW, and DR100PE**. QRV from Jan. 1 until May 31 in 2024. Awards are also available, see: <https://100fk.de>. Confirmations will only be handled digitally: eQSL, LoTW, Club Log, DCL, and a downloadable "card". (TNX DXNL)

**EA, SPAIN** Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, members of Radio Club Liria (EA5RCL) will be active as **EH5XMAS** from 7 December to 7 January. QSL via the bureau to EA5RCL, LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**EI, IRELAND** Special event callsign **EI80MB** will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary since 168 German seamen were miraculously rescued from the waters of the Bay of Biscay after a battle between British and German naval forces (29 December 1943). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL. (TNX 425DX)

**EI, IRELAND** Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 **EI4FOTA** will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Michel, F8GGZ will be active as **TM100GE** on 22-31 December. QSL via the bureau. The special callsign memorializes the 100th anniversary since the death of Gustave Eiffel (27 December 1923), the French civil engineer best known for the world-famous Eiffel Tower, built for



the 1889 Universal Exposition in Paris, and his contribution to building the Statue of Liberty in New York. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** The Radio Club de Wingles (F4KLR) will be active as **TM125ED** between 4 November and 31 December. The special callsign commemorates the 125th anniversary since radio pioneer Eugene Ducretet gave a public demonstration of wireless communication between the Eiffel Tower and the Pantheon 4 km away (5 November 1898). All CW and SSB QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eQSL, FT8 QSOs will be confirmed via eQSL only; direct cards via F4KLR. (TNX 425DX)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** **HB8DELOY** is the special callsign for members of the Swiss Air Force Museum's Radio Club (HB4FR) to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first transatlantic amateur two-way contact between Leon Deloy, F8AB and Fred Schnell, 1MO (28 November 1923). Look for activity from 1 November to 31 December. QSL via HB9ACA (bureau preferred). (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** The ARI section Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

December: II4CDV; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931)

For QSL information see qrz.com. An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available. (TNX DXNL)

**LA, NORWAY** **LA100K** is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

**LX, LUXEMBOURG** **LX90RTL** is a special callsign celebrating the 90th anniversary since Radio Luxembourg made its first long wave broadcast. It will be used by various LX operators from 1 July until the end of the year. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and digital modes, as well as via satellite. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL on a regular basis. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ600PA** (December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA** **OE40XTU** is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)

**OH, FINLAND** Once again Santa Radio, **OF9X** (Old Father Nine Xmas) will be active on 11-31 December on all amateur radio bands CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OH2BH. The activity is organized by Radio Club of Pusula (OH9W) and Radio Arcala (OH8X). The operating team includes Timo OH1NX, Raimo OH2BCI, Martti OH2BH, Niko OH2GEK, Arto OH2KW, Erik OH2LAK, Pekka OH2TA, Pauli OH5BQ, Anne OH2YL, Jukka OH2MA, Jorma OH2KI, Jyri OH2KM, Juha OH2LQ, Henri OH3JR, Risto OH3UU, Tapani OH5BM, Alex OH5UY/UT5UY, Veijo OH6KN, Mika OH6NVC and Esa OH8KTN. (TNX 425DX)

**OK, CZECH REPUBLIC** The radio club OK1KVK celebrates its 70th anniversary with the callsign **OL70KVK**. QSL via OK6RP. (TNX DXNL)

**OK, CZECH REPUBLIC** **OL300SANTINI** honours the memory of Jan Blazej Santini-Aichl, a Bohemian architect, until the end of the year. QSL via OK2APY (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

**ON, BELGIUM** **OQ95RCL** is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. Free award is available see <https://hamlog.online/club/rc/713> (TNX 425DX)

**ON, BELGIUM** Throughout 2024, the Radio Club de Liège (LGE) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the special call sign **OR100LGE** will be activated from 6m to 160m, mainly on FT8/FT4, CW and SSB. Livestream on Club Log.

<https://clublog.org/livestream/or100lge>. QSL via LoTW, Club Log and e-qsl.

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Look for **PC100II** to be active throughout December to celebrate the centenary of the third 2-way contact between Europe and America conducted by Henk Jesse, PCII in the Netherlands and 2AGB in the US during the night of 26-27 December 1923. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via PA1AW. (TNX 425DX)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** **PA23XMAS**, **PH23XMAS**, and **PD23SANTA** are currently active. PD24HNY stays on the air until the end of January. See also: <https://www.qrz.com/db/PA23XMAS> (TNX DXNL)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special callsigns **PA23XMAS** and **PD23SANTA** will be active on 1-31 December, while **PD24HNY** will be QRV until 31 January. QSL cards will not be issued. (TNX 425DX)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign PA85TP during 2023 and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call **PA30SPARC**. An award for QSOs with these callsigns and PI9TP is also available from the Manager Edwin, PE5ENJ ([pd5enj@msn.com](mailto:pd5enj@msn.com)). (TNX DXNL)

**S5, SLOVENIA** Special event station **S524PMC** will be active from 8 December to 8 January 2024 to promote the PMC Contest, sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest, promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held on 6-7 January. Complete information can be found on <https://www.s59dcd.si/index.php/sl/>. (TNX 425DX)

**SM, SWEDEN** **8S80AA** is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on <https://www.sk5aa.se/>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)

**SP, POLAND** **SN15AXI** honours the memory of Janek Bonikowski, SP3AXI, a scout leader and amateur radio elmer, who died in 2008. QRV until the end of January 2024. QSL via bureau or eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

**SV, GREECE** **SZ65RAAG** is the special callsign for the Radio Amateur Association of Greece to celebrate its 65th anniversary on 16-31 December. The RAAG has been a IARU member society since 1959. Look for activity on all bands SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW. Four certificates will be available, see <https://sv2rck.gr/SZ65RAAG/> for information. (TNX 425DX)

**TA, TURKEY** Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100**, **TC100TA**, **TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** **VK100ZL** celebrates the first trans-Tasmanian radio contact between New Zealand and Australia in 1923. QRV until the end of 2023.

**VK, AUSTRALIA** **VI100MB** is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until 25 February 2024. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** "Amateur Radio", the official journal of the Wireless Institute of Australia, will reach 90 years of continuous publication in October. To mark this milestone, the WIA has obtained the special event call sign **VK90AR** for use until 31 December by any member of the WIA as well as any affiliated club. QSL via LoTW and M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** **VI75G** is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** **VI10VKFF** is the special callsign celebrating the 10th anniversary of the World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) programme in Australia (<https://www.wwffaustralia.com/>). It will be used from Australian Parks until end 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via VK5PAS (direct or bureau). (TNX 425DX)

**VP8, FAKLAND ISL** Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Falkland Islands Government Aviation Service, special event station **VP8FLY** will be active from the north east end of Stanley airport, Falkland Islands (SA- 002) during the month of December, and especially on 19 December. QSL direct to VP8LP. (TNX 425DX)

**VU, INDIA** Look for **AT30IIH** to be active until 31 December to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Indian Institute of Hams, whose focus is to train and bring young people into the amateur radio community (<https://www.indianhams.com/>). QSL via the bureau or direct, or via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**YU, SERBIA** The Serbian Amateur Radio Union in the Vojvodina celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign **YU75SRV** throughout 2023. QSL via Club Log, eQSL, qrz.com.

**ZL, NEW ZEALAND** Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, **ZL6WG** is a special event callsign promoting the 98th NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)  
<https://hamradio.co.nz/award/>